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Soviet Unit in Jauer, (O 52/B 90)

1. A Soviet unit of 450 to 500 men was observed in Jauer prior to June 1950. It was quartered in an old four-story brick building, about 50 meters long, located on the eastern side of Stalin Street just north of the market square. Other Soviet units were not observed in the town. The bulk of the unit was composed of young soldiers who wore red epauletts. Most of the NCOs wore war decorations. About 75 percent of the MI were armed with rifles, the remainder with ~~sub-machine~~ guns with drum magazines. Other arms were not seen. About 10 trucks were observed when the unit marched out in the direction of Liegnitz (O 52/B 82). \*
2. There were three domains in the Jauer district. Two of them, those in Bersdorf (O 52/B 90) and Rohnstock (O 51/G 99), were under Soviet administration. Cattle breeding was supervised in Rohnstock by a Soviet detachment of 25 officers and NCOs.

Polish Militia Unit in Jauer

3. A Polish militia unit of about 50 men was quartered in a four-story building on the eastern side of the market square south of the street leading to the railroad station. Only part of the building was occupied. Not more than three motor vehicles were available to this unit. According to Polish workers the unit controlled all the Germans working in the Jauer district.

Polish Labor Service in Girlachsdorf (O 51/G 99)

4. An SP unit of about 450 men was in a cantonment at the northern exit of Girlachsdorf on the eastern side of the road. The unit worked in a granite plant north of the cantonment. It was reportedly assigned to a labor service brigade headquarters in Liegnitz.

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5. The personnel of the labor service wore brown-green uniforms with belt and cap. They wore the letters SP in red cloth instead of collar patches. Arms were not noticed. Only the instructors wore pistols. However, training in firing was noticed several times. It was believed that the weapons used for this training were not military rifles.
6. Eight barracks-like, three-story buildings, each about 40 meters long with spanroofs, were being built at the southern town exit of Girlachsdorf by this labor service unit. It appeared that these buildings would be completed by the spring of 1951.

Soviet Troops in Liegnitz

7. According to Polish workers an army headquarters, a tank regiment and an infantry regiment were located in Liegnitz. \*\*

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[redacted] Comment. This is the first report on Soviet troops in Jauer. However, the information appears credible. A training unit is possibly concerned.

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[redacted] Comment. A high-echelon headquarters, possibly an army headquarters is believed to be located in Liegnitz.

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